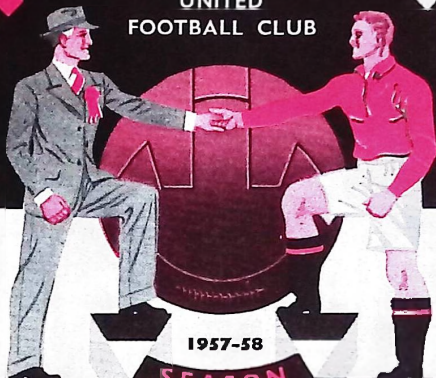


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UNITED WILL GO ON . . .

On 6th February, 1958 an aircraft returning from Belgrade crashed at Munich Airport. Of the twenty-one passengers who died twelve were players and officials of the Manchester United Football Club. Many others lie injured.

It is the sad duty of we who serve United to offer the bereaved our heartfelt sympathy and condolences. Here is a tragedy which will sadden us for years to come, but in this we are not alone. An unprecedented blow to British football has touched the hearts of millions and we express our deep gratitude to the many who have sent messages of sympathy and floral tributes. Wherever football is played United is mourned, but we rejoice that many of our party have been spared and wish them a speedy and complete recovery. Words are inadequate to describe our thanks and appreciation of the truly magnificent work of the surgeons and nurses of the Rechts der Isar Hospital at Munich. But for their superb skill and deep compassion our casualties must have been greater. To Professor Georg Maurer, Chief Surgeon, we offer our eternal gratitude.

Although we mourn our dead and grieve for our wounded we believe that great days are not done for us. The sympathy and encouragement of the football world and particularly of our supporters will justify and inspire us. The road back may be long and hard but with the memory of those who died at Munich, of their stirring achievements and wonderful sportsmanship ever with us, Manchester United will rise again.

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H. P. HARDMAN, CHAIRMAN



Photo by P. A. Reuter.

FAREWELL TO WALTER CRICKMER

When an aircraft carrying players and officials of Manchester United Football Club crashed at Munich Airport on 6th February, 1958, Walter Crickmer, Club Secretary, was amongst the twenty-one who died.

How to write an epitaph for Walter? He was more than our Secretary — he was a part of Manchester United. He had served the club for thirty-eight years and was known and respected wherever football was played. He was a religious man, modest and quietly spoken yet with a ready wit and a cheery word for all. A lifetime spent in football made his advice valued by players, managers and directors alike. He'd a hand for everything, from helping with the *United Review* to building the floodlighting pylons, but was never there to claim the credit. He preferred to praise others. How richly he deserved the gold medal presented to him by the Football League for service to the game.

Walter once claimed that he'd never watched a game of football — half a game sometimes — because he was always too busy seeing that things ran smoothly behind the scenes!

He was an indefatigable worker and a man of great integrity and personal charm — a friend to all. We thank him from the bottom of our hearts for his wonderful service and devotion to the Club. Walter, we salute you.



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TOM CURRY and BERT WHALLEY

Amongst those who died at Munich were two of United's most celebrated back-room boys — trainer Tom Curry and assistant coach Bert Whalley. Between them they had served the club for forty-four years and were known throughout the British Isles. Genial Tom Curry, whose words of wisdom and encouragement have helped so many players, was beloved for his fatherly supervision of their activities, both on and off the field. Bert was known and respected especially by the young players for his character and code of living which was a great example to them all.

Theirs was a tragic end — but they were not alone. They died as they had lived — amongst the lads . . . their lads.

Our sincere condolences are extended to the relatives of Mr. William Satinoff, Mr. B. P. Miklos and Mr. W. T. Cable who were also killed in the disaster.

They shall grow not old . . .

*as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning
We will remember them.*

LAURENCE BINYON



ROGER BYRNE



MARK JONES



GEOFF BENT



EDDIE COLMAN



BILL WHELAN



TOMMY TAYLOR



DAVID PEGG

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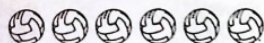
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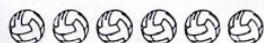
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A MESSAGE TO MUNICH

from OLD TRAFFORD

Our thoughts are constantly with those who still lie in the Rechts der Isar Hospital, Munich. All of them have been through a terrible ordeal and now face a long period of convalescence during which they will need the prayers of everyone.

Amongst them is our dear manager Matt Busby, and we know that his first concern is always for his players. Even in the first moment after regaining consciousness we recall his words to Jimmy Murphy. "Glad to see you, Jimmy, how are the lads? Look after them for me."

We will certainly do that for you Matt and wait eagerly for the day when we can welcome you back to the helm at Old Trafford.

To the lads still with you—Ray Wood, Albert Scanlon, Ken Morgans, Dennis Viollet, Johnny Berry, Jackie Blanchflower and Duncan Edwards we say "Get well soon — United needs you."

Mercifully a few of our players escaped serious injury. These were Harry Gregg and Bill Foulkes who have since arrived safely home. We hope to welcome Bobby Charlton within the next few days and look forward to the time when they will be able to take their place in the team once more.

WELCOME TO . . .

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY

Both United and Sheffield Wednesday have great club histories, but the memory that will please Old Trafford fans the best goes back only to last November. For then the League Champions defeated the Owls in a home league engagement, and at a time when many were a little dubious because the visitors were finding better form.

Do you remember the match? It was played on Saturday, 16th November. United were one up in the sixth minute through Colin Webster. Wednesday equalized through Finney in fifteen minutes but Webster popped in another in the twenty-sixth. Those are the hard facts.

Here's the real picture. United started well but then Wednesday came more into the game and really made a fight of it.

They come to-day with another strong lineup, whilst we are forced to field one of an experimental character, though everyone knows that each member of the United team will be all out from the first whistle.

Sheffield team personalities:

Brian Ryalls.

Twenty-five years old, born Grimethorpe near Barnsley, signed professional January, 1953. Height 5 ft. 11½ in. Made his first League appearance v. Sheffield United, 12th September, 1953 at Bramall Lane and since that date has made 35 League appearances.

Jackie Martin.

5 ft. 9 in., 10 st. 13 lb. Twenty-two years of age and comes from Dundee. A back of excellent promise.

Peter Johnson.

Born Rotherham. Twenty-six years old. He joined Rotherham United in 1952 and then was transferred to Sheffield Wednesday on 25th December, 1957, made his first appearance against Preston North End on Christmas Day at Hillsborough.

Norman Curtis.

5 ft. 8 in., 11 st. 4 lb. Joined Wednesday from Gainsborough Trinity. A strong defender and regular choice for many seasons. Missed only two matches last season.

Tony Kay.

Twenty years old, born Sheffield, played as an amateur from 1952-54 when he signed professional forms. A product of Sheffield schools football. Made his first appearance against Bolton Wanderers at Bolton in April, 1955.

Don McEvoy (Captain).

Born at Huddersfield, and played for the Town for several seasons. Transferred to Wednesday in December, 1954.

Ralph O'Donnell.

A tall, strong half-back equally good in attack as defence, he has played with distinction at centre-half for two seasons. Joined Sheffield Wednesday from Upton Col.

Tom McAnearney.

5 ft. 9½ in., 11 st. 8 lb. Joined Wednesday as a youngster from Dundee junior club. Earned a regular place in the middle of 1955-56 season. A clever constructive player.

Derek Wilkinson.

Born Stalybridge, Cheshire and is twenty-two years old, 5 ft 9 in. Went to Wednesday from Dukinfield Town in November, 1953. His first team appearance was at Cardiff in November, 1954.

Albert Quixall.

5 ft. 7½ in., 11 st. 5 lb. Sheffield born international and one of the cleverest inside-forwards in the game. Last season he showed he could score goals as well as make them, and headed Wednesday's list with twenty-four in League and Cup.

Roy Shiner.

5 ft. 8½ in., 12 st. 2 lb. Born Ryde. Signed from Huddersfield. A lively leader with a deadly shot.

Redfern Froggatt.

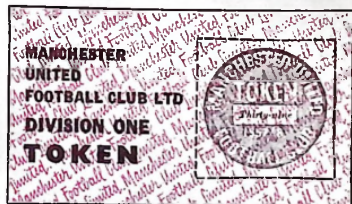
5 ft. 10½ in., 11 st. 9 lb. He is a local product and the son of a former Wednesday captain, Frank Froggatt, who led the Club back into the first division thirty years ago. He was discovered during war-time playing in local football. In 1952-53 season he played for England against Wales and Scotland, and in 1953 against Belgium, afterwards going on the F.A. Tour of South America.

John Fantham.

Born Sheffield, aged eighteen years. Played with this Club as an amateur, signed professional forms in October, 1956 and made his first appearance last week against Tottenham.

Alan Finney.

5 ft. 8 in., 10 st. 12 lb. Ex-Doncaster school-boy. Made his first appearance for Wednesday in League football when seventeen. Played in many representative games for the Army, and has made over 140 appearances for Wednesday.



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Manchester Evening News



ALF CLARKE and TOM JACKSON

On 6th February, 1958, Alf Clarke of the Evening Chronicle and Tom Jackson of the Evening News died when their aircraft crashed at Munich. So ended a lifetime's service to the club they loved as much as any of their player friends who died with them. So ended a lifetime's association with the United Review.

Although they worked for different newspapers Alf and Tom were inseparable. "Casual Comments" and "United Topics" were not only the result of teamwork but of mutual respect and affection. Throughout the twenty-five years they wrote for this Programme never once did they fail to send their copy in time for the printers . . . They took a pride in their work. Their articles were accurate, imaginative, detailed and concise. And that's how they were for nigh on a quarter of a century.

Alf was a serious-minded sportswriter. Slow smiling and slow speaking but quick to praise talent when he saw it which was often when watching his beloved team. On the other hand Tom bubbled with joyful enthusiasm for United assignments but was as coldly efficient as Alf whenever the occasion demanded. Once when preparing a programme for a European Cup fixture, press morning arrived without a shred of information about the visitors — not even a photograph. But somehow, Alf and Tom performed their usual miracle and a programme that was fresh and informative was ready for the supporters.

In bidding farewell to Alf and Tom we send our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Clarke and her son and daughter and Mrs. Jackson and her son. Throughout their association with the club many good friendships have been formed and they have been deeply respected by everyone. Whenever and wherever United play football we shall remember . . . Alf Clarke and Tom Jackson — Master Reporters.

THESE WERE OUR FRIENDS...

Amongst the celebrated sportswriters aboard that ill-fated aircraft on 6th February, 1958, were many contributors to the *United Review*. In addition to our own Alf Clarke and Tom Jackson these were our friends who died at Munich.

ERIC THOMPSON of the *Daily Mail*

HENRY ROSE of the *Daily Express*

DON DAVIES of the *Manchester Guardian*

ARCHIE LEDBROOKE of the *Daily Mirror*

GEORGE FOLLOWS of the *Daily Herald*

FRANK SWIFT of the *News of the World*

Both the Newspaper and the Soccer worlds mourn the loss of these fine writers. Their reports had become a part of the soccer scene, brilliant word pictures come only when the heart guides the pen.

We offer our deepest sympathy to those who were dear to them.

Amongst the survivors were *Daily Mail* cameramen Peter Howard and Edward Ellyard who miraculously escaped injury.

To Frank Taylor of the *News Chronicle-Dispatch*, who still lies injured at Munich, we send our best wishes for a speedy return home.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Services for all denominations will be held this Saturday and Sunday 22nd and 23rd February in memory of those who died in the Munich air disaster.

AN INTER-DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

Saturday, 22nd February, at
the United Ground, Old Trafford at 2.50 pm
(Before the Kick-off with Nottingham Forest)

The service will be conducted by H. A. Jones, B.Sc. (the Very Reverend Dean of Manchester), and the Reverend J. Herbert Price, M.A. (or his representative) President of the Free Church Federal Council, The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Manchester, the Mayor of Salford and the Mayor of Salford will be in attendance.

A PROTESTANT SERVICE

Sunday, 23rd February. The Manchester Cathedral, 3.0 pm
Service to be conducted by the Very Reverend H. A. Jones, B.Sc.
(Dean of Manchester), and Dr. Scott.
(Admission by Ticket only).

A JEWISH SERVICE

Sunday, 23rd February. South Manchester Synagogue, Wilbraham Road, 5.0 pm. The service to be conducted by the Reverend F. F. Carlebach, M.A., Senior Minister, South Manchester Hebrew Congregation and Chaplain to the Lord Mayor. The Communal Rabbi, Dr. A. Altmann, M.A., will also participate in the service.

AN INTER-DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

Sunday, 23rd February. The Albert Hall, Peter Street,
Manchester, 6.45 pm
Service to be conducted by the Reverend R. K. Walker, assisted by
the Reverend J. Morris Nielson, M.B.E.

A ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICE

Sunday, 23rd February. Belle Vue Speedway Stadium, Manchester,
8.15 pm. Mass in the presence of the Bishop of Salford.